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12 June 1964

1. Laos: Neutralist forces gave up two important positions during the past few days of relatively limited military activity.

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The neutralists abandoned Muong Kheung--north of the Plaine des Jarres--and the Pathet Lao probably took over an estimated twelve usable tanks left behind. The Pathet Lao also occupied Phou Kout, the hill athwart Route 7, as the neutralists fell back to the west.

Souvanna Phouma, [redacted] gave the go ahead on 11 June for continuing US reconnaissance flights. He has no objections to fighter escorts. He also intends to step up T-28 attacks, saying he wants to see the Pathet Lao and the North Vietnamese, "really punished."

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The Communist reaction to US air activity is still, for the Communists, not too rabid.

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the "savage and outrageous" attacks they claim have been made on the town.

2. Congo: Speculation on Tshombé's return is growing.

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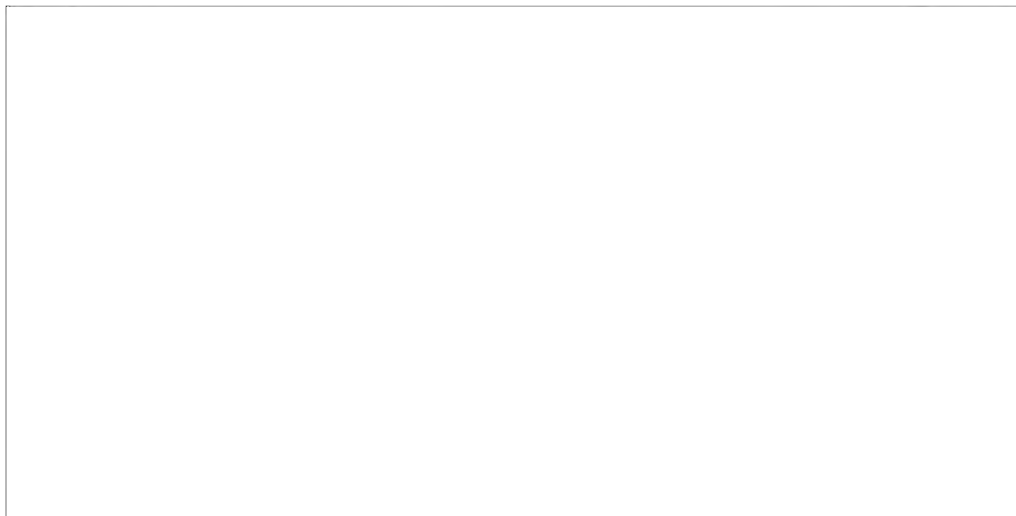
He arrived in Bamako, Mali, from Paris on Thursday. He is on a tour of African countries, while keeping one eye on events in the Congo. He claimed in an interview in Paris that he has support in Leopoldville, presumably from the Democratic African Committee, a new group urging the ouster of Adoula.

President Kasavubu has as yet given no sign of bowing to pressures to drop Adoula. He is expected, however, to appoint a "transitional" government; perhaps before the end of June, to rule until new parliamentary elections are held next year.

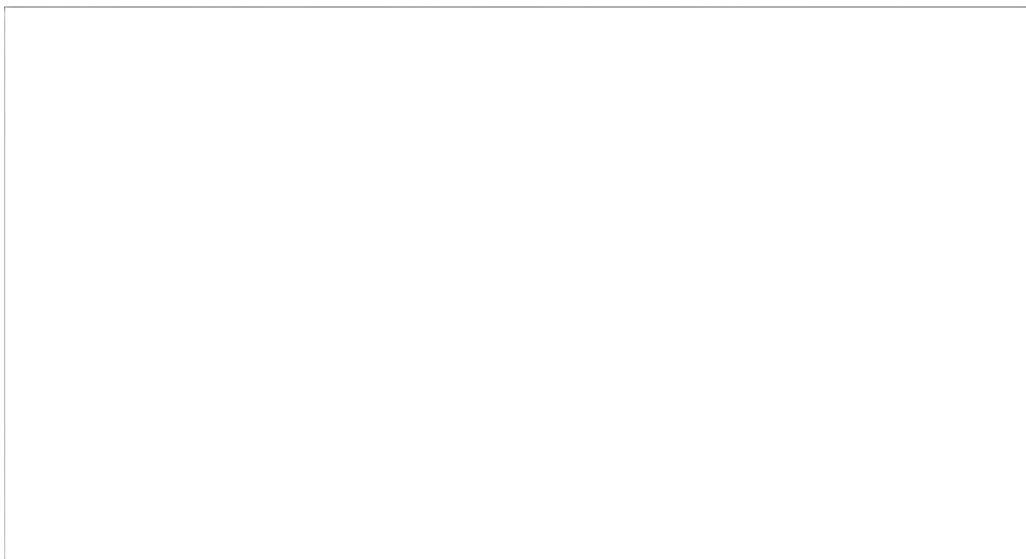
The military situation remains generally quiet.

3. Cyprus: A renewal of serious fighting may be coming closer.

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4. South Vietnam: Khanh is thinking about reorganizing his government.

Under his plan, outlined to Ambassador Lodge on 9 June, Khanh would become president, responsible for only the broader aspects of strategy. A prime minister, probably a civilian, would handle routine domestic matters.

Khanh's plan is probably largely a reaction to complaints from those who want a broader based government. Both civilians and the military have criticized him for monopolizing authority.

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Meanwhile, Viet Cong military activity appears to be on the rise after a two-week lull.

5. USSR-East Germany: Since the Soviets took the trouble to tell us in advance about the mutual assistance treaty signed with East Germany on 12 June, we suspect that they do not mean to stir up a new Berlin crisis just now.

Moscow seems, however, to have felt the need to bolster Ulbricht's sagging regime, the only satellite government in East Europe in Khrushchev's good graces but without such a treaty.

The treaty will not of itself affect either Western rights in Berlin or access to the city.

6. South Korea: Kim Chong-pil has agreed to leave for the US--to study at Harvard--next Tuesday, but no one will believe it until the plane takes off.

Kim refused to leave any earlier than Tuesday, and he may still be looking for a way out. Even if he does have to go, he is said to feel he will be recalled to take charge of the governing Democratic Republican Party within a few months.

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7. USSR-Cuba: As Soviet personnel leave for home, more Soviet military equipment arrives.

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8. Rumania: Rumania continues to show signs of independence.

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[REDACTED] Khrushchev may have tried to block a Rumanian-Yugoslav entente during his meeting with Tito in Leningrad last Monday.

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The Rumanians are still casting about for a nuclear power station. [REDACTED]

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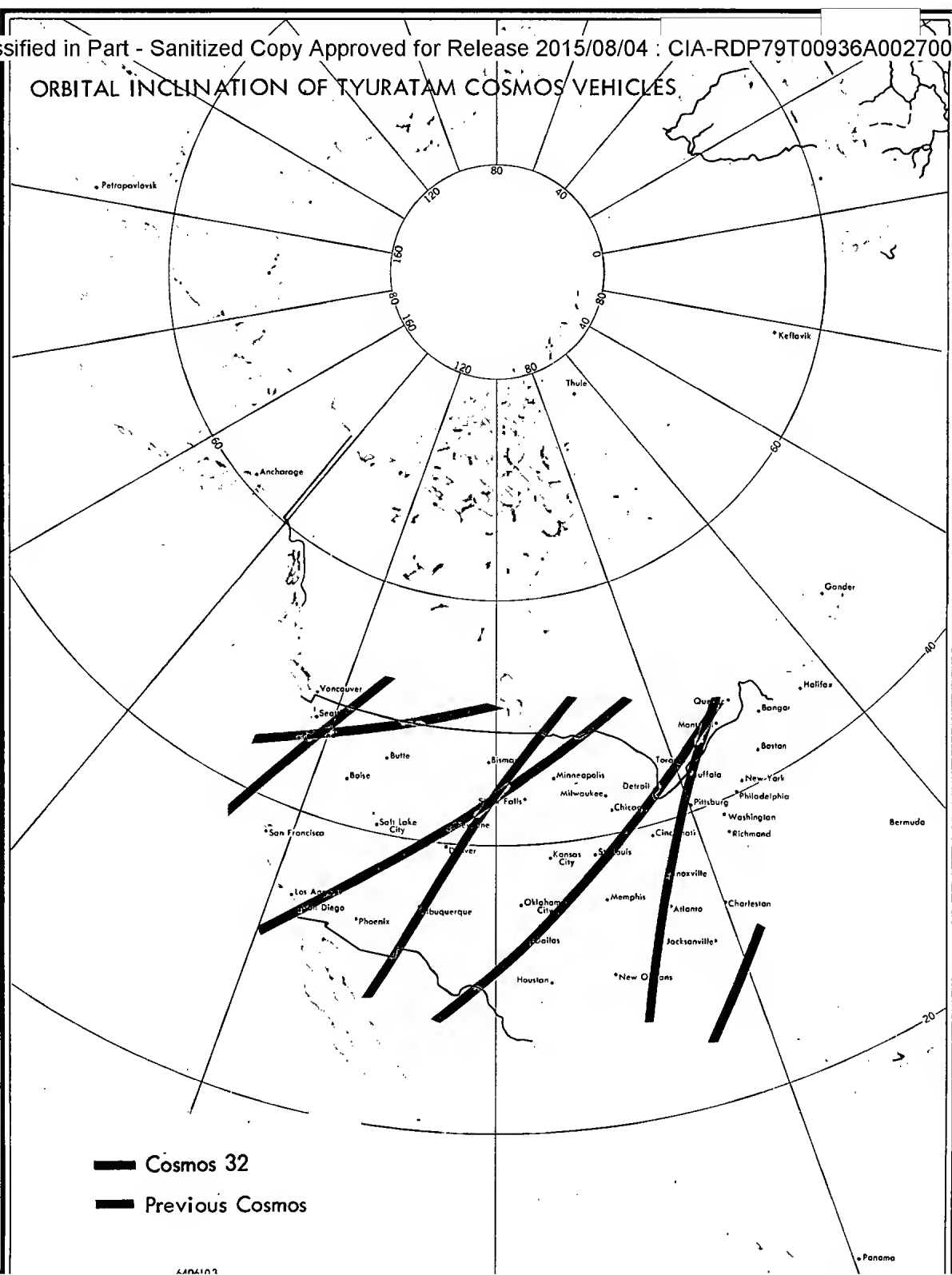
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9. India: The cabinet Shastri has put together clearly reflects his tendency to keep to the middle of the political road. Both the extreme right and left have been frozen out.

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ORBITAL INCLINATION OF TYURATAM COSMOS VEHICLES



Chavan and Krishnamachari continue in their key ministries of defense and finance. By persuading Indira Gandhi to take a portfolio--in formation and broadcasting--Shastri has the next best thing to Nehru's own blessing. Her presence will help neutralize criticism from the Menonite camp.




Shastri also steps into Nehru's oversize shoes as foreign minister. While his policies will not differ fundamentally, his more flexible and open-minded approach will come as a considerable change in this field.

10. Pakistan: Pakistan may be winding up for a new move in its relations with the US in the wake of increased US military aid to India.

A leading Karachi newspaper, Dawn, yesterday branded this aid as "morally indefensible" and a bar to a Kashmir settlement. The paper suggested that it may be time "to say goodbye" to CENTO and SEATO.



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11. USSR: The Soviet Cosmos 32, launched on 10 June, 
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facing map of orbital patterns).

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12. France:

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13. Lebanon: President Shihab said "no" again so categorically last week that most of the doubters are now convinced that his decision not to run for re-election in August is final.

Some supporters are continuing to work on Shihab, but the scramble is on for a successor, and it probably will not take long for communal tensions to come to the surface again.

14. USSR-Iran: Khrushchev recently proposed [redacted] meeting with the Shah somewhere along the Soviet-Iranian border, [redacted] Khrushchev may have suggested the idea with the hope that the Shah might be disappointed by his US visit and return home receptive to Soviet blandishments. [redacted]

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16. Algeria-Morocco: New trouble is brewing along the border. There have been several skirmishes between the Moroccan military and saboteurs who have slipped into the country from Algeria.

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[REDACTED] has put the military on the alert.

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